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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend James Rousakis, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Clearwater, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, being glorified at all times, knowing that we can do nothing without divine guidance, send Your blessings and direct to divine wisdom and power the Members of the United States House of Representatives that they may accomplish their task faithfully and diligently, being profitable to the United States of America, a continuous example to the world of freedom and human rights. Be their light when the day is dark; their fortress in the hour of temptation; a house of defense to save them; their strength when the flesh is weak and the spirit depressed; their courage in the hour of danger and adversity and their hope when all other hope fails. Grant them perfect health of mind and body. Direct their thoughts in the way of truth that they may enact, order and enforce those laws that are true and just. Enlighten them to govern and lead the United States of America in the way of prosperity and righteousness. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING REV. JAMES ROUSAKIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome a good friend and inspired leader from Tampa Bay, Father James Rousakis of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Clearwater, Florida.

I have known Father James for nearly 20 years and have become a big admirer of him, as well as his wonderful wife, Presvytera Vasiliki, an incredible woman who is just as much a leader at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church as Father James.

When I asked Father James what compelled him to a life in the church when he was on a completely different career path at age 23, he said he was attending Holy Thursday church services during Easter and a compelling voice said over his left shoulder, "You need to be here every day!" Listening to that voice, Father James became ordained as a priest in 1971, and the rest is history.

He has served the Orthodox faithful in Rochester, New York; Atlanta, Georgia; Portland, Maine; Indianapolis; and now Clearwater Florida. As Vicar of the Tampa Bay Greek Orthodox Church for the Metropolis of Atlanta, Father James Rousakis will begin his 18th year of pastoralship in my district. With his boundless energy, Father James has helped to foster incredible growth in the membership and ministries at Holy Trinity.

Madam Speaker, I wish Father James many more years of compassionate and enlightened service in the Tampa Bay area, and am glad that he didn't ignore that profound voice 45 years ago.

Welcome, Father James.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches from each side of the aisle.

### LIHEAP

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, last winter our Nation experienced record high heating bills, and this summer's cooling bills are expected to follow suit. LIHEAP is authorized at \$5.1 billion, and the program has never been fully funded. Concerns are high across the Nation that LIHEAP will not be able to help those people that need the most help because it is set to run out of money before the most intense periods of the heating and cooling seasons start.

Congress and the President can act by fully funding LIHEAP through authorizing the spending of \$3.12 billion in the second economic stimulus package. With this action, Congress and the President would send a clear message to the Nation: We do care about those that are most vulnerable. LIHEAP works not only to protect our Nation's vulnerable, low-income populations but also to stimulate the economy so that those families can spend money more fully for other things.

Fully funding LIHEAP should be a top priority for this Congress, and we should fully fund the program in the second stimulus package. We have an opportunity to help those that are having a hard time to get by during these times.

### PRIME MINISTER SINGH'S MAJORITY REMAINS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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